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1. On 3 July 1950 portions of the North Korean government moved to Seoul, including the Justice Department, now in Chosen Hotel, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
2. Posters in Seoul announced the People's Committee as follows: KIM Il-sung, Chairman; members: KIM Tu-pong, HO Hon, PAK Hon-yong and CH'OE Yong-koo. The Chairman of the Seoul People's Committee is YI Sung-yop, who is also Minister of Justice of the People's Republic.
3. On entering Seoul, the North Korean army distributed 3,000 sok of rice to the people free, on the basis of one small mal per family. Families of South Korean soldiers and persons formerly living north of the Parallel had to pay 500 South Korean won per small mal.
4. On 9 July the South Korean won was invalidated in Seoul and other occupied areas; it is exchangeable for the North Korean won at 8 South Korean won to one North Korean won. Commodity prices are 15,000 won per small mal of rice, 1,800 won per kwan of potatoes, 11,000 won per small mal of wheat, and 800 won per kwan of cabbage. It is almost impossible to obtain rice and wheat at any price.
5. The plant of the Seoul Daily News is printing a daily paper called the Seoul Workers' Report. This paper announced martial law in Seoul and South Korea on 2 July.

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